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Falls Church is the Harry-est Town in America!

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – After months of tracking pre-orders of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, Amazon.com has announced that residents of Falls Church City ordered more copies from Amazon.com per capita than any other town in America. As a result of Falls Church's "Harry-ness," Amazon.com is donating a \$5,000 Amazon.com gift certificate to The Mary Riley Styles Public Library Foundation Trust of Falls Church.

In celebration of the popularity of this final book in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, the Mary Riley Styles Public Library (120 N. Virginia Ave.) will host a special Harry Potter Party on Saturday, Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. The event will feature fun Harry Potter-themed activities, games, and food.

"We are honored to win the Harry-est Town in America title," said City of Falls Church Mayor Robin S. Gardner. "Our small-town community places great importance on education and reading, and it's no surprise that we have a wealth of Harry Potter fans of all ages. We're grateful to Amazon.com for this generous gift that will further encourage the value of books and imagination in our community."

Falls Church held the lead from the time the competition began April 4. Nine other Virginia cities made the list of the top 100 towns, including Fairfax at No. 3, Vienna at No. 4, Fredericksburg at No. 16, Williamsburg at No. 23, Herndon at No. 28, Warrenton at No. 48, Alexandria at No. 78, Charlottesville at No. 92, and Abingdon at No. 99. A full list of the Harry-est towns and states can be found at www.amazon.com/harrypotter.

"We are a happy Harry-est group here at the Mary Riley Styles Public Library Foundation Trust, and delighted to learn that the magic of Amazon.com will touch us," said Chester W. De Long, treasurer and trustee of the Mary Riley Styles Public Library Foundation Trust. "The 11,000 plus citizens of Falls Church, waving their 10,139 library cards, have won the ultimate game of Quidditch. This donation will help keep the library as a center of excellence, encouraging our youth to be avid readers."

The Mary Riley Styles Public Library Foundation Trust is a charitable, nonprofit organization committed to providing supplementary support to the Mary Riley Styles Public Library. Through public donations, the Foundation works closely with the Library Director and the Library Board of Trustees to identify unmet needs of the library, and provide services to the public.

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